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Within a context of strong urban transport development,
a convention is signed between UITP and GIE Objectif transport public GART-UTP
UITP to be a partner in the next two editions
of *Transports Publics*, the European mobility exhibition

*Within the framework of *Transports Publics 2008*, the European mobility exhibition which opened its doors today in Paris, GIE Objectif transport public, as exhibition organiser, GART (Transportation Authorities Group), UTP (Public and Rail Transport Union) and UITP (International Association of Public Transport) have signed a cooperation convention involving the organisation of the 2010 and 2012 editions of the European mobility exhibition, with a view ultimately to organising a world exhibition of sustainable mobility in Paris.*

This cooperation convention was signed at the official opening of *Transports Publics 2008*, the European mobility exhibition, by leading officials from the four bodies: Serge Morin, President of GIE Objectif transport public; Michel Destot, President of GART; Michel Cornil, UTP President; and Hans Rat, UITP Secretary General.

A partnership to bring together professionals at international level

This convention implements a partnership between GIE Objectif transport public GART-UTP and UITP for the next two editions of *Transport Publics*, the European mobility exhibition. The practical spin-offs from this partnership will be the rollout of increasingly extensive and sustained communication actions for the promotion internationally of the exhibition's 2010 and 2012 editions.

The four bodies have thus affirmed their desire to unite their forces and federate all actors from the sector – transport organising authorities, operators, politicians, manufacturers, service companies, etc. – who are working for sustainable mobility all over the world.

A world exhibition in response to the need for more sustainable transport

Transports Publics 2008, the third edition of the European mobility exhibition, is shaping up to be a particularly successful gathering: 220 exhibitors, one-third of them international, will be presenting their latest innovations over 25 000 m² of exhibition space. The exhibition today is experiencing strong development, within a global context showing public transport as one of the best ecological, economic and social solutions for addressing the mounting journey needs of populations. **Faced with these challenges, the need ultimately to create a jointly organised world exhibition of sustainable mobility in Paris in even years is now an ambition shared by GIE Objectif transport public, GART-UTP and UITP.**

- GIE Objectif transport public, founded by GART (the association of elected officials in France responsible for transport), and UTP (the association of French public transport operators) have set themselves the task of promoting public transport and heightening awareness among professionals in the sector and also among the general public with regard to the challenges of sustainable mobility.
- UITP is the international body that groups together political authorities and transport organising authorities, public transport operating companies, scientific institutes, service companies, and public transport manufacturers.

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